

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Insert the following paragraphs between lines 22 and 23 of page 42:

Fig. 26 is a cross-sectional view of the sample having linear marks in the form of grooves.

Fig. 27 is a cross-sectional view of the sample having linear marks in the form of substances having different optical properties.

Paragraph beginning at line 18 of page 49 has been amended as follows:

Further, the data mark 229 and the tracking marks 227 and 228 may be formed by projections 7 (Fig. 2) or grooves 1500 (Fig. 26) or may be formed by arranging substances 1600 (Fig. 27) having different optical properties such as refractive indices on a flat surface ~~(not illustrated)~~. Further, the tracking marks 227 and 228 and the data mark 229 may not be formed to overlap each other as in the drawing but may be arranged to be separate from each other.